

August 2014

Dear District Administrators and Principals:

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation is celebrating its twenty-fifth year of providing fellowships for 100 teachers and matching grants to the schools of those teachers. Teacher fellows receive \$1,000, with an additional \$1,000 grant going to the school of each Kohl fellow. This program is an opportunity to recognize excellence in education, and I encourage your district to participate. Specific information regarding the teacher fellowship is enclosed. Following these guidelines will ensure greater chances of success for your nominee. Information and application forms for the student scholarship program will be sent to all high school principals in October.

To be eligible to compete for a fellowship, teachers must be nominated by parents, teachers, students, community members, or administrators using the enclosed nomination form. Please make duplicate copies of the form for their use.

Nomination forms are also available and may be submitted online at the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation website http://www.kohleducation.org. Nomination forms must be submitted to the Department of Public Instruction on or before Friday, September 26, 2014. Nominated teachers will then be sent an application form.

I commend the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation for its continued commitment to education and willingness to fund this program. Co-sponsors of the program are the state's 12 cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs), the Wisconsin Council of Religious and Independent Schools, the Wisconsin Newspaper Association, and the Department of Public Instruction.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Strom at <u>elaine.strom@dpi.wi.gov</u> or (608) 266-3089.

Sincerely,

Tony Evers, PhD

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Enclosures: 2015 Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship Program Guidelines

Kohl Teacher Fellowship Nomination Form